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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated May 1, 2007 of the above-referenced application. Applicants respond to the Office Action as follows.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18-20 are pending in the application.

Applicants' claimed invention is directed to an image sending method and an image sending device, in which a **sending mode** is selected from plural types of sending modes (such as fax mode, scan mode, or email mode), and then an **image quality** is selected (such as "standard," "fine," or "super fine") (see, e.g., specification at page 11, 2nd and 3rd paragraphs). Finally, a **resolution** is automatically set so that it corresponds to the selected sending mode and the selected image quality.

As claimed, a resolution is set based on the selected sending mode and the selected image quality. Therefore, it is not necessary for the user to set a resolution corresponding to each of the sending modes. It is noted that the claimed invention distinguishes between "image quality" and "resolution," where image quality commonly is defined as vividness of hue or color, which can be distinguished by a user based on physical appearance (e.g., selecting "standard," "fine," or "super fine"). In contrast, resolution commonly refers to a process or capability of making